

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

In the section entitled "Cross Reference to Related Applications" at page 1, line 6, please amend as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of "Transparent Metallo-Dielectric Photonic Band Gap Structure," Serial No. 08/931,756, by M. Scalora, filed on September 16, 1997, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,262,830 on July 17, 2001 (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein), and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/186,762, filed March 3, 2000.